

## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-4-01

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The following is offered in response to your letter in which you request a formal interpretation of the provisions of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code, as it pertains to elevator lobbies.

**Question:** Does the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code require lobbies at elevators that are not used as a means of egress?

**Answer:** No. Section 1007.3 of the referenced code requires that elevators considered part of an accessible means of egress in unsprinklered buildings must be accessed from an area of refuge or a horizontal exit, but if the elevator is not utilized as part of the accessible means of egress, there is no requirement to provide an elevator lobby. Keep in mind that if a rated enclosure, such as a lobby, is not provided at the elevator opening, the opening protective reductions outlined in section 3008.2 cannot be taken.